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## **STATE OES TO AWARD \$29 MILLION IN GRANTS TO COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT TO FIGHT METHAMPHETAMINES**

**SACRAMENTO** – Starting in December, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) will begin distributing a total of \$29 million in grant funds to county sheriffs' departments across the state to support their efforts to combat methamphetamine distribution and sales.

"OES' methamphetamine enforcement program was so successful and the need so great that Governor Schwarzenegger increased its funding this year, and we are now able to expand the program to fight this destructive drug," said OES Director Henry Renteria. "Last year this program enabled local law enforcement agencies to rescue 152 children, arrest 955 suspects, confiscate 321 weapons, dismantle 46 meth labs, and seize more than \$6.9 million in drug money and assets."

The \$29 million allocated to OES' California Multi-Jurisdictional Methamphetamine Enforcement Team (Cal-MMET) program represents an increase of more than \$19 million from last year's budget. The grant funding was approved in June when Governor Schwarzenegger signed the 2006/07 budget.

The goal of this program is to target methamphetamine manufacturers and traffickers who produce or sell significant quantities of methamphetamine; to disrupt and dismantle their clandestine labs and organizations; to prosecute those responsible, and to use state and/or federal law to identify and seize assets related to the production, sale and distribution of methamphetamine.

The expanded Cal-MMET program establishes five regions: Northern, Bay Area, Central, Southern and Southwest Border. Each region is required to form an Advisory Board that includes all county Sheriffs. The participation of every county District Attorney, Chief Probation Officer, and city Chief of Police is also encouraged.

Distribution of funds within each region was recommended by the five Regional Advisory Boards, based on proportional needs as determined by size and number of counties in each region. All 58 counties were eligible for the program. Forty counties received grants (see distribution list below) with the remaining 18 joining efforts with participating Cal-MMET counties in their region.

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As a requirement of the State budget, OES will conduct an independent evaluation of the program, which will include an examination of spending by region, program activities, and demonstrated outcomes such as lab seizures and arrests. The budget allocated \$995,000 for this purpose.

For more information, visit the Governor's Office of Emergency Services Web site at [www.oes.ca.gov](http://www.oes.ca.gov).

**Northern Region (\$3,960,000 available):**

Humboldt – \$418,228

Shasta – 1,976,575

Yolo – \$1,565,197

(Other eligible counties: Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, and Yuba.)

**Southern Region (7,460,000):**

Los Angeles – \$1,654,800

Orange – \$500,000

Riverside – \$1,891,200

San Bernardino – \$2,364,000

San Luis Obispo – \$350,000

Santa Barbara – \$350,000

Ventura – \$350,000

**Bay Area Region (\$3,960,000 available):**

Alameda – \$330,000

Contra Costa – \$330,000

Lake – \$214,589

Marin – \$250,489

Mendocino – \$232,991

Monterey – \$330,000

Napa – \$241,909

San Benito – \$330,000

San Francisco – \$330,000

San Mateo – \$330,000

Santa Clara – \$330,000

Santa Cruz – \$330,000

Sonoma – \$380,022

**Southwest Border Region (\$1,460,000):**

Imperial – \$730,000

San Diego – \$730,000

(Note: The 18 counties in parentheses will be joining efforts with other Cal-MMET counties in their region.)

**Central Region (\$12,360,000):**

Alpine – \$250,000

Amador – \$250,000

Calaveras – \$295,000

Fresno – 1,717,139

Inyo – \$250,000

Kern – \$1,405,769

Madera – \$250,000

Merced – \$400,000

Mono – \$250,000

Sacramento – 3,529,539

Solano – \$405,968

San Joaquin – \$1,221,567

Stanislaus – \$1,138,400

Tulare – \$746,618

Tuolumne – \$250,000

(Other eligible counties: King and Mariposa.)